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(ii) New or inexperienced DoD contractors; and

(iii) Surveys with time-consuming requirements, e.g., secondary survey, accounting system review, financial capability analysis, or purchasing office participation.

(e) Only request those factors essential to the determination of responsibility. See 253.209-1(a) for an explanation of the factors in section III, blocks 19 and 20 of the SF 1403.

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Subpart 209.2—Qualifications Requirements

209.202 Policy.

(a)(1) The inclusion of qualification requirements in specifications for products which are to be included on a Qualified Products List, or manufactured by business firms included on a Qualified Manufacturers List, requires approval by the departmental standardization office in accordance with DoD Manual 4120.3-M, Defense Standardization Program Policies and Procedures. The inclusion of other qualification requirements in an acquisition or group of acquisitions requires approval by the chief of the contracting office.

[60 FR 61593, Nov. 30, 1995]

Subpart 209.3—First Article Testing and Approval

209.303 Use.

(d) The contracting officer may require that first articles be manufactured using the same facilities, production processes, methods, and materials to be used for production units under the contract.

209.305 Risk.

The contracting officer may give this authorization to a contractor only after approval by a level higher than the contracting officer.

209.306 Solicitation requirements.

(a)(1) To be sure that the contractor and the Government clearly understand and interpret contract terms and conditions in the same manner, avoid

describing first article requirements exclusively in general terms such as “visual,” “dimensional,” “workmanship,” or “specification compliance.”

209.308 Contract clauses.

Alternate I of the clauses at FAR 52.209-3, First Article Approval—Contractor Testing, or 52.209-4, First Article Approval—Government Testing, as appropriate, may be used when—

(1) The form, fit, or function of the product would be adversely affected by contractor changes in the production facilities, processes, methods, or materials subsequent to first article approval; and

(2) The Government has relied upon first article testing in the absence of complete design specifications to supplement a performance specification; or

(3) It is essential to have an approved first article to serve as a manufacturing standard.

Subpart 209.4—Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility

209.402 Policy.

(d) The uniform suspension and debarment procedures to be followed by all debarring and suspending officials are set out in appendix H to this chapter.

(e) The department or agency shall provide a copy of the Debarment and Suspension Procedures at DFARS appendix H to this chapter to contractors at the time of their suspension or when they are proposed for debarment, and upon request to other interested parties.

[59 FR 27668, May 27, 1994]

209.403 Definitions.

Debarring official. (1) For DoD, the designees are—

Army—Commander, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency
Navy—the General Counsel of the Department of the Navy
Air Force—Deputy General Counsel (Contractor Responsibility)
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency—The Director
Defense Information Systems Agency—The General Counsel

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Defense Logistics Agency—The Special Assistant for Contracting Integrity
National Imagery and Mapping Agency—The General Counsel
Defense Special Weapons Agency—The Director
National Security Agency—The Director
Ballistic Missile Defense Organization—The General Counsel
Overseas installations—as designated by the agency head

(2) Overseas debarring officials—

(i) Are authorized to debar or suspend contractors located within the official's geographic area of responsibility under any delegation of authority they receive from their agency head.

(ii) Debar or suspend in accordance with the procedures in FAR subpart 9.4 or under modified procedures approved by the agency head based on consideration of the laws or customs of the foreign countries concerned.

(iii) In addition to the bases for debarment in FAR 9.406-2, may consider the following additional bases—

(A) The foreign country concerned determines that a contractor has engaged in bid-rigging, price-fixing, or other anti-competitive behavior; or

(B) The foreign country concerned declares the contractor to be formally debarred, suspended, or otherwise ineligible to contract with that foreign government or its instrumentalities.

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209.405 Effect of listing.

Under 10 U.S.C. 2393b, when a department or agency determines that a compelling reason exists for it to conduct business with a contractor that is on the list of parties excluded from procurement programs, it shall provide written notice of the determination to the General Services Administration, Office of Acquisition Policy. Examples of compelling reasons are—

(1) Only a listed contractor can provide the supplies or services;

(2) Urgency requires contracting with a listed contractor;

(3) The contractor and a department or agency have an agreement covering the same events which resulted in the listing and the agreement includes the

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department/agency decision not to debar or suspend the contractor; or

(4) The national defense requires continued business dealings with the listed contractor.

209.405-1 Continuation of current contracts.

(b) Unless the agency head makes a written determination that a compelling reason exists to do so, ordering activities shall not—

(i) Place orders exceeding the guaranteed minimum under indefinite quantity contracts; or

(ii) When the agency is an optional user, place orders against Federal Supply Schedule contracts.

(c) This includes exercise of options.

[60 FR 29497, June 5, 1995, as amended at 60 FR 61593, Nov. 30, 1995]

209.405-2 Restrictions on subcontracting.

(a) The contracting officer shall not consent to any subcontract with a firm, or a subsidiary of a firm, that is identified by the Secretary of Defense as being owned or controlled by the government of a terrorist country unless the agency head states in writing the compelling reasons for the subcontract.

[63 FR 14837, Mar. 27, 1998]

209.406 Debarment.

209.406-1 General.

(a)(i) When the debarring official decides that debarment is not necessary, the official may require the contractor to enter into a written agreement which includes—

(A) A requirement for the contractor to establish, if not already established, and to maintain the standards of conduct and internal control systems prescribed by subpart 203.70; and

(B) Other requirements the debarring official considers appropriate.

(ii) Before the debarring official decides not to suspend or debar in the case of an indictment or conviction for a felony, the debarring official must determine that the contractor has addressed adequately the circumstances that gave rise to the misconduct, and that appropriate standards of ethics